

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Amend claims 18 and 53 as follows:

18. (New - Amended) An intraluminal balloon dilatation catheter for percutaneous insertion and transluminal advancement into a patient's vasculature, the catheter having a shaft comprising:

a) a proximal shaft portion formed at least in part of an extruded thermoplastic polymeric material with a tensile strength greater than 10,000 psi;

b) a distal shaft portion that is more flexible than the proximal shaft portion;

and

c) an expandable dilatation balloon on the distal shaft portion.

53. (New - Amended) An intraluminal balloon dilatation catheter for percutaneous insertion and transluminal advancement into a patient's vasculature, the catheter having a shaft comprising:

a) a proximal shaft portion formed at least in part of an extruded thermoplastic polymeric material with a tensile modulus greater than 300,000 psi;

b) a distal shaft portion that is more flexible than the proximal shaft portion;

and

c) an expandable dilatation balloon on the distal shaft portion.